

# VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 10/15/2002  
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM (EST)

## Attendees ***Veteran Affairs***

Thomas Wayburn, COTR, VA Recovery Audit, HAC  
Rex Gilmore, Program Specialist, VACO/HAS

## ***Contractor***

Richard Pectol, Vice President, Abacus Technology  
John Pieters, Program Manager, HealthNet  
Padra Randall, DRG Quality Coordinator, HealthNet  
Joy Wilkie, Director Managed Care Services, HealthNet  
Sharon Lopez, DRG Manager, HealthNet  
Kelly Foydl, Reports Analyst , HealthNet

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1. Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves. Minutes of September 5<sup>th</sup> were unavailable.
2. Review of action items:
  - a) Item 1: Status of recovery action for 1998, 1999, and 2000 cases  
VA obtained CMS information and provided this raw data information and percentage data to Contractor.
    - a) HealthNet requested to know what base year to use when applying the data to calculate the current year ratio. Tom Wayburn will clarify and send this information to the contractor.
    - b) HealthNet requested to know the reason why the combined ratio for the surcharge elements was more than the existing VA surcharge rate of 9%. Tom Wayburn stated that the ratios provided for capital-related costs, organ acquisition, education and anesthetists were provided by CMS and that based upon this CMS documentation, the ratio was never 9%. However, data from CMS is only available from 1993 onward. Tom Wayburn replied that he did not know the method VA used in calculating the 9% and that he had no supporting documentation for the original determination made in 1990. It is just stated that it was 9%.
  - b) Item 2: FY2002 data  
Inclusion of FY 2002 data will be reviewed by Contractor and a request made if it is determined to be agreeable to all parties. (CLOSED 10/15/02)

- c) Item 3: CHAMPVA Payment Policy  
HealthNet confirmed receipt of policy information regarding ALOS/GLOS and date of service used in CHAMPVA PPS calculation. The only open item is clarification on the CHAMPVA disposition codes. Tom Wayburn will verify the CHAMPVA disposition codes information previously provided and send clarification to HealthNet.
- d) Item 4: CHAMPVA Repricing  
Tom Wayburn reported that HAC is testing repricing of CHAMPVA claims in its test accounts. This testing is not yet completed and more claims are needed to test thoroughly.
- e) Item 5: Total Fee Caseload Summary  
HealthNet is looking into possibility of providing data regarding total number of fee hospitalization cases and dollar value as listed on the data files provided to them by AAC.

### 3. New Business:

- a) Item 1: CHAMPVA Medicare OHI Policy  
HealthNet requested that CHAMPVA provide its Medicare OHI policy. Tom Wayburn will clarify and send the CHAMPVA methodology.
- b) Item 2: CHAMPVA catastrophic cap  
HealthNet requested clarification of the time applicability for the CHAMPVA catastrophic cap. Tom Wayburn will clarify if the CHAMPVA catastrophic cap is based on the calendar year.
- c) Item 3: CHAMPVA payment policy for PPS transfers  
HealthNet requested information regarding how CHAMPVA applies beneficiary cost share in the circumstance when a patient is transferred from one PPS facility to another PPS facility, in terms of payment, during the same episode of care. Tom Wayburn will clarify and send this information to HealthNet.
- d) Item 4: Generic Pricers  
HealthNet requested clarification that VA stations cannot run generic pricers for fiscal years 1995 through 1998. Rex Gilmore will obtain clarification.

### 4. Next Conference Call: November 4, 2002

Tom Wayburn  
COTR, Recorder